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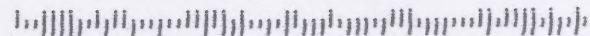
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May 10, 2021

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Dear Mr. Burke

On behalf of the American Numismatic Society
I am writing to confirm the receipt of following objects:

*700th Meeting of the New Jersey Numismatic Society, April, 1996.
The Die and the punch.*

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your donations.
Your support of the ANS is most appreciated.
Thank you very much for all your generosity and attention for our collections

Enclosed you will find two copies of our *Unrestricted Gift Form*.
One of these will serve as a receipt for your record.
Please sign and return the other one to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Elena Stolyarik

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UNRESTRICTED GIFT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

I, Jeff Burke, on behalf of the New Jersey Numismatic Society, hereby give and deliver to the American Numismatic Society all of our right, title and interest in and to the following described personal property:

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the Society, its successors and assigns, to have absolute ownership of the said property including without limitation full powers of management, display, conservation, and disposition as the Society shall see fit in its absolute discretion and in the full exercise of its general corporate purposes.

Jeff Burke
2306 Clinton Lane
Rockaway, NJ 07866



Jeffrey C. Burke
Signature

May 22, 2021
Date

The American Numismatic Society hereby accepts the gift and delivery. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

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for the Society
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October 19, 2022

Robert Schriek
Head of Reference
Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams
214 Main Street
Chatham, NJ 07928

Dear Robert,

On behalf of the New Jersey Numismatic Society, I am writing to inquire about room availability for our organization.

The NJNS meets at the Madison Public Library every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. You may know the Madison Library will be undergoing renovations that may take a number of months.

We are considering the possibility of moving to the Chatham Library on a permanent basis. The dates for our meetings beginning in 2023 in January through July would be: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, and July 17.

Robert, thanks for taking care of this matter for us. We appreciate your support! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Burke
Secretary
New Jersey Numismatic Society



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1,004th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, February 19, 2024

President Pete LaConte started the 1,004th meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 1,003rd meeting were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzczak reported that our current balance is \$1,716.73. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members voted unanimously to digitize our archival documents on the Newman Numismatic Portal. This will include past NJNS archival documents to the present.

Recently, Ray Williams was invited to give a presentation at the New York Numismatic Club on February 9, 2024. The title of his talk was "The Continental Currency that Funded our Revolutionary War." Ray set up an exhibit of all 23 denominations of Continental Currency in tandem with his presentation. Ray received the Grunthal medal and a certificate for being chosen to give this annual presentation. Fortunately for us, Ray brought the same exhibit to show us tonight. It was set up on a table just behind us. NJNS members and guests enjoyed looking at the specimens!

Rod Heu mentioned he has been attending the NYINC since it was held in the Trade Towers. Bob Knapp added the NYINC is a great show for purchasing ancient coins!

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Mike McKeever gave a presentation tonight on "The Coins of the Swiss Cantons." The show-and-tell items included two Morgan dollars; a Curaco 5 Cents, Grunthal Medal; George Washington Medals: 1793 Liberty Cap Cent; 2023 Reverse Proof Coins; Civil War Dog Tag on Large Cent - Inscribed C.H. Dana – Assistant Surgeon – 1862-1863; Swiss Shooting Thalers; Denarius of M. Cato c. 89 B.C.E.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

February 19, 2024

ATTENDANCE

SCOTT MILLER

Jeff Burke

Rich Marash/ja

Bob Wolcheck

RAY WILLIAMS

Patricia A. A. A.

BILL LAMPS

Michael Fey

David Oppelt

Michael B.

Michael Brooks

BOB KNAPP

Michael McKeever

Steve Zimmerbaum

GUESTS

ROBERT MCCracken

Rod Hen

John Calamus

NJNS

February 19, 2024

SHOW & TELL

TWO Morgan Dollars

CURACO 5¢
GRUNTHAL MEDAL

GEO WASHINGTON
MEDALS

Rod Heu
Lima Crown / GP

1793 LIBERTY CAP 1¢

2023 Reverse Proof Coins

Civil War Dog Tag on large Cent
C.H. Dana. Assistant surgeon 1862 - 1863

~~USA Gold Coins~~
Swiss Shooting Thalers.

Plumis of M. CATO C. 89 BC.

start: ~~7:00~~ 7:04

Finish: 7:59

NJNS

Jan. 15, 2024

Secretary's Report

- Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report

Northfield Savings Bank new account \$1,695.00

Old Business / New Business (82 years old)

Harry Garrison passed away - funeral last Tues - pancreatic cancer

Scott M. Antiques Magazine just came out article about Rittenhouse and his clocks

FUN - Michael Brooks & Bill L. had a great show! Bill set up and did well - Michael bought some ^{coins} coins that he was looking for

Mike McKeever went to the NYINC - gave NGC 43 coins to grade (between 1,000 to 3,000 coins) crowded show

very expensive coins

NYNL Feb 9 meeting Ray = guest speaker -

~~Schuer~~

- Herb. O. Schuer
- Bob Schmwalter
- Ernest Krush
- Bob Knipp

of Mayfair
Noonans
300 coins
Newman's
for sale
SEPT of
out
~~DEPT~~

club history

book

list serving member

until

15 yrs

ago

Brooklyn

Bronx

NYNC

Flushing

Westchester

- add to into + thanks

Scott Miller - he has NYNC Preborg

Michael Fey working with Jeff Garrett to update

Morgan dollars in Red Book and Mega Red

Book Amazon Kindle - (Mike will send me
PWW Releases)

- Walter is selling his ^{U.S.} currency collection

Feb 19 - Michael M. speaker The Coins of the ^{Swiss} Cantons
March - Scott speaker?



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Chatham Library and Zoom Electronic Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The 1,004th meeting will take place on Monday February 19, 2024, at the Chatham Library, located at 214 Main Street. The meeting will be held on the lower level. If possible, we will also have a Zoom online meeting available for our remote members. The Zoom invite link is sent via email with the monthly meeting reminder notice.

This month, Mike McKeever will give a presentation on “The Coins of the Swiss Cantons.” We will discuss an important topic regarding the opportunity to archive club records on the Newman Numismatic Portal. Additionally, please bring items for our show-and-tell session. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance. I will also have some of the 1,000th meeting medals and pins on hand for purchase.

Note, we will be meeting in the Chatham Library until further notice, while the Madison Library is being renovated. Also, please consider volunteering to provide a monthly presentation for a future meeting.

I look forward to our meeting and seeing everyone for the February meeting.

Numismatically yours,
Pete



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1,003rd MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, January 15, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 1,003rd meeting at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 1,002nd meeting were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzak reported that our current balance is \$1,695. The NJNS now has a new account at the Northfield Savings Bank. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Ray Williams noted that Society member Harry Garrison died last Tuesday at the age of 82 due to pancreatic cancer. We were very sorry to learn that Harry passed away.

Walter Chinoy is selling his U.S. currency collection. Pete LaConte gave him contact information for a paper dealer.

Michael Brooks and Bill Liatys had a great time at the FUN Show! Bill set up and did well. Michael bought some coins on his want list.

Mike McKeever attended the NYINC. He submitted 43 expensive coins to NGC for grading. McKeever said it was a crowded show. Mike also told us he has 300 coins being auctioned at Noonans Mayfair Auction house in September.

Michael Fey is working with Jeff Garrett to update Morgan dollar listings in the *Red Book* and the *Mega Red Book*. Michael also told us that parts I, II and III of the fifth edition of the *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Dollars* are available for sale on Amazon Kindle. Mike edited this work. The *Morgan Dollar 8 and 7 Over 8 Tail Feather Story* is also available on Amazon Kindle.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: There was no presentation this evening. The show-and-tell items included a 1741-MO MF 8R Mexico Hollandia Shipwreck Coin F15; Italian Renaissance Ferdinand II 1636 testone coin; 1/9 of a Dollar 1770 Colonial Maryland Note – Printed by Anne Catharine and W. Green; Painted Die Varieties (PDV) CT Copper 31-1- R.4, MA Cent R- 3G, Ink On Edge PDB 4-4 e; George Washington Presidential Medal Struck at the U.S. Mint c. 1805 – Dated 1797 – came with a beautiful wooden box!; First Inaugural Button from George Washington; 1848 WM Medal (2) GW-178, National Monument PCGS AU 58; Uniface Plaque of Young Girl with Her Doll - Austria 1897, by Franz Xaver Pawlik.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

January 15, 2024

SHOW & TELL

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1741-mo, MF 8R Mexico Hollandia Shipwreck Coin F15	
Italian Renaissance coin Ferdinand II - testone 1636	
1/9 of a dollar colonial note Maryland note 1770 Printed by Anne Catharine and W. Green	
Printed die varieties Connecticut Copper, Mass Copper 31-1-R.4 R-36 Mass. Cent	ink on edge PDS 4-4 c
G. Washington Pres. medal Struck at U.S. mint c. 1805 - Dated 1797 - came with a beautiful wooden box!	
First inaugural button from George Washington	
1848 Wm med. (2) PCGS AU58 GW-178, National Monument	
Austria 1897	Unibac plaque of young girl with her doll by Franz Xaver Pawlik

* "The Days When
New Jersey Struck It's Own
Coins: The Horseshoe Coppers
The Copper Coins of New Jersey 1786-1788
NJNS

Start: 7:00

Finish: 7:54

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November 20, 2023

Secretary's Report
Report received

* Mike Packard working
on a book about
Mass colonial coppers

Treasurer's Report

2,100.72 2,100.72

Old Business / New Business

Society members discussed we still have ~~means~~ ^{medals} and pins
left - approx 25 each left (out of 50 medals & 50 pins)

* Presented to the Library of the Chithams, Dec 1st, 2023

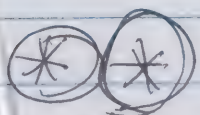
- Baltimore Show - Mike B, Bill L, and Ray had a great
time at the show - and enjoyed the C4 activities

Steve Z. went to the Albion Coin Show 18 Nov

Nominations for NJNS club officers - Current officers
agreed to one more yr Motion to allow current
~~offers~~ officers to stay in their positions for another
yr - Motion passed

= No NJNS
meeting next month - motion passed

- Send out meeting notice - we will not meet in Dec.





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This month, there is no scheduled presentation, so please bring items for an extended show-and-tell session. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance. I will also have some of the 1,000th meeting medals and pins on hand for purchase.

Note, we will be meeting in the Chatham Library until further notice, while the Madison Library is being renovated. Also, please consider volunteering to provide a monthly presentation for a future meeting.

I look forward to our meeting and seeing everyone at the January meeting.

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1,002nd MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, November 20, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 1,002nd meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 1,001th meeting were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierczak reported that our current balance is \$2,100.72. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members discussed that we still have medals and pins left for sale – approximately 25 each left out of the original total of 50 pins and 50 medals.

A motion was passed to allow current NJNS officers to stay in their positions for one more year.

The NJNS also passed a motion to not meet in December due to a schedule conflict with the Trenton Coin Club. Now, Ray Williams, Michael Brooks and Bill Liatys will be able to attend the Trenton Coin Club holiday dinner with their wives on the night of December 18th. The NJNS typically has light meeting attendance for the month of December.

Ray Williams will be giving a talk on New Jersey coppers at the Library of the Chathams on Friday, December 1, at 11:30 a.m. We hope Ray has a great turnout for this event!

Ray Williams, Michael Brooks and Bill Liatys attended the Baltimore Show, November 9 to 11, and had a great time! They particularly enjoyed all of the C4 activities!

Society member Steve Zimmerbaum reported that he had fun attending the Allentown Coin Show on November 18th.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Ray Williams gave a dry run presentation tonight on "The Days When New Jersey Struck It's Own Coins: The Horsehead Coppers, The Copper Coins of New Jersey: 1786-1788." The show-and-tell items included a Painted Die Variety Connecticut Cent; an Elongated George III ½ d, and a Lord Baltimore Shilling.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

November 20, 2023

SHOW & TELL

PAINTED DIE VARIETY

CONNECTICUT CENT

ELONGATED GEO III 1/2d

LORD BALTIMORE SHILLING.

start: 7:00

Finish: 8:14

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NJNS

October 14, 2023

Secretary's Report

Sept. accepted

Treasurer's Report

\$1,650.72

Old Business/New Business

Society members discussed having our Treasury checking account switching to TD Bank - current bank is now charging 15.00 a month for the account

- Discussed medals sold - around ~~100~~ 18 sold

only 50 medals were struck

- Ray will contact ^{colonial} specialist who might want to buy some of the remainder medals

New Jersey Numismatic Society - make check now to NOT Pete LaConte

e-mail
blast

Last Friday - Conference of the Americas

Roger Siboni spoke on Castilian medals at the NYNC

e-mail
Ray

Last Friday - chaf date - (email Ray for details)

Francis American Castilian Jeton

- Discussed elections for next month

Correct

Title "The Francis American Castilian Jeton"

NYNC - Friday, Oct 13, 2023

Baltimore Show is coming up in several weeks
~~Oct~~ Nov 9-11. Some NJNS members will be
attending



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This month, there is no scheduled presentation, so please bring items for an extended show-and-tell session. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance. I will also have some of the 1,000th meeting pins and 90th anniversary medals on hand for purchase.

Note, we will be meeting at the Chatham Library until further notice, while the Madison Library is being renovated. Also, please consider volunteering to provide a monthly presentation for a future meeting.

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1,001th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, October 16, 2023

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MINUTES: The minutes of the 1,000th meeting were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzak reported that our current balance is \$1,650.72. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members discussed having our treasury checking account switched to TD bank. Our current bank is now charging \$15.00 a month for our NJNS Treasury account.

Society members also talked about the NJNS officer elections coming up next month. Ray encouraged members to consider running for the four officer positions available.

Pete LaConte reported that 18 NJNS medals have been sold. Only 50 NJNS 90th anniversary commemorative medals were struck. Ray Williams will contact colonial specialists who might want to buy some of the unsold medals.

On Friday, October 13, Roger Siboni gave a presentation at the New York Numismatic Club. The title of his talk was "The Franco American Castorland Jeton."

The Baltimore Show will be held from November 9 to 11. Some of our Society members will be attending this show.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Scott Miller gave a presentation tonight on "Karl Muller: Forgotten Master of Nineteenth Century Sculpture." The show-and-tell included a 1720 John Law note and a Virginia 1780 \$7 Dollars note (VA-176).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, at 7 p.m.

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October 16, 2023
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1720 JOHN LAW NOTE

Virginia 1780

\$7 Dollars

VA-176



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This month, Scott Miller will provide a presentation on Karl Muller, a 19th century German-born sculptor, who made a number of medals and tokens in New York from the 1850s to early 1880s.

I will also have some of the 1,000th meeting medals and pins on hand for any member that was not able to make last month's meeting. Please bring any recent acquisitions to share for a short show-and-tell. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance.

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1,000th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, September 18, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 1,000th meeting at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 999th meeting were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzczak reported that our current balance is \$2,250.00. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: We enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate our 1,000th meeting! Pete LaConte unveiled the NJNS 90th anniversary commemorative medal and our 1,000th meeting pin to mark the event. Ray Williams gave a talk on the early history of the NJNS from 1933 to 1937. Harry Rescigno reminisced about his early days in the NJNS and Society members who mentored him in numismatics.

Special guest Dr. Lawrence S. Brown, Chairperson of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, will be giving a talk at our October meeting about designs on circulating and commemorative coins and how these pieces are minted.

Bob Knapp attended his third meeting tonight and was approved as a new member. Congratulations, Bob! Andrew Gugel, also guest with us this evening, collects Byzantine coinage and ancients.

Ray Williams gave a talk at the Chatham library on September 15. The title of his presentation was "The Continental Currency that Funded our American Revolution."

There will be a memorial coin show in Flemington on December 10 in memory of Steve Middleton.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM: The show-and-tell included a 1747 Machin's Mills CTFT ½ d, 1787 Machin's Mills CTFT ½ d, May 1775 \$2 Continental Currency, Nov. 1776 \$30 Continental C., Nov. 1775 \$5 Continental C., Nov. 18, 1776 Continental Congress Lottery Tickets (2), 1787 M33.2-Z.21 CT Copper; 1787 Fugio Cent, 1652 Pine Tree Shilling, John Hart Abbott House Note – VA 5 Pound Note; Washington Success to the United States Brass token – 1793, Hancock Small Eagle Cent – 1791, Manly Medal by Samuel Brooks for James Manly – 1790; Saint Patrick Half Penny; 1892-S Morgan Dollar; 1899 Portrait Plaque of Rene by Victor D. Brenner; 2022 Maya Angelou "Drooling George" Error Quarter.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, at 7 p.m.

September 18, 2023

RAY WILLIAMS
Bill LIAMS
Michael Brooks
Jeff Burt
Scott MILLER
Larry Brown
Rich Marshall
Michael McKeever
ALAN GUEL
Bob Kunt
Michael Fey
David Oppelt
Harry Rescigno
Ron Thompson
Walter Chinoy
Mike Balwierzak
JOHN H. BALWIN
Drell

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September 18, 2023

SHOW & TELL

1747 MACHIN'S MILLS CTFT 1/2d
1787 " " " "

MAY 1775 #2. CONTINENTAL CURRENCY
NOV 1776 #30 " "

NOV 1775 #5 " "
NOV 18, 1796 CONTINENTAL CONGRESS LOTTERY TICKETS (2)
1787 M33.2-Z.21 CONNECTICUT COPPER.

1787 FUGIO CENT

1652 PINE TREE SHILLING

JOHN HART ABBOTT HOUSE NOTE - VA 5 POUND NOTE

Washington Success to the United States Brass Token 1793

Hancocks small scale Cent 1791

Manly Medal By Samuel Brooks for James Manly 1790

Saint Patrick Half Penny.

1892 S Morgan dollar

1899 PORTRAIT PLAQUETTE OF RENE BY VICTOR D. BRENNER

2022 Maya Angelou "Dooling George" Error Quarter

Start: 7:00

(1)

Finish: 8:47

NJNS

June 19, 2023

✓ Secretary's Report

Accepted

Treasurer's Report

\$2,265.72 paid for Zoom for one more yr

Old Business / New Business

Some members went to ^{the} Baltimore Show - low attendance -
1,000 meeting next month! July 17

ANA Ballot Officer Election or club gets to vote

- Vote - we are voting / Kenny Sammut - nobody else ~~electing~~
from the rest Sammut

ANA Pittsburg Aug 8-12 Discuss who is going - a few members
Jessica Lintys "Internet Security"



* Send reminder to Reg - Pittsburg ANA

JK + Dennis Tucker interviews for C-4 Newsletter



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The historic 1,000th meeting will take place on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Chatham Library, located at 214 Main Street. The meeting will be held on the lower level. If possible, we will also have a Zoom online meeting available for our remote members. The Zoom invite link is sent via email with the monthly meeting reminder notice.

This month, we will celebrate the historic 1,000th meeting of the NJNS. We will have pizza provided for guests in attendance. We ask members to bring soft drinks and/or dessert items. Also, we will be unveiling our 1,000th meeting/90th anniversary commemorative medal and lapel pin. The medal is 2 inches in diameter, and the lapel pin is 1 ¼ inches in diameter, both struck in antique gold finish. Each will be available for member purchase for a small fee to recoup some of the cost for NJNS.

In addition, Ray Williams will be providing a short presentation on the “History of the NJNS,” and passing out hard copies for members. Also, please bring any recent acquisitions to share for a short show-and-tell, if time allows. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance.

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I look forward to our meeting and seeing everyone for the 1,000th meeting celebration.

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President Pete LaConte started the 999th meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: There were no minutes for our May 2023 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzak reported that our current balance is \$2,265.72. Mike paid for Zoom for one more year. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Several Society members went to the Baltimore Show which had low attendance.

Next month the NJNS will be celebrating its 1,000 meeting! We plan to have a pizza party for this special occasion.

Members discussed our club ballot for the ANA 2023 Board of Governors election voting. We decided to vote for Kenny Sammut in the election.

Society members discussed who is going to the ANA World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh, August 8-12. We have several members who will be attending this show.

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SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Jessica Liatys gave a presentation tonight on "Internet Security." The show-and-tell included an 1881 NJARNG Yorktown Centennial Medal; Three colonial notes from MD, PA and RI; 1842 and 1871 Seated Dollars, 2009 UHR Gold, 1908-D St. Gaudens \$20 MS 63+; 1880 Morgan Dollar; 1885 and 1892 Morgan Dollars; Rome. Petillius Capitolinus Moneyer – c. 41 B.C. AR Denarius; 1748 Visit of Clara the Rhinoceros to Stuttgart 40 mm Copper Medal.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

June 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Bob Wolcheck
Jeff Burke
Ray Williams
~~Art Alert~~
Bill Liats
Walter Chinoy
Michael Brooks
Michael McKeever
Stephen Zimmerman
Harry Resigoo
Scott Miller
Peter Aa
Bob Knapp
Rich Morshon

GUESTS

Randy Richards 973-437-6656
Elaine Chinoy
Jessica Liats

NJNS

June 19, 2023

SHOW & TELL

1881 NJARNG YORKTOWN CENTENNARY
MEDAL

3 colonial notes MD, PA, RI

1891. Seated Dollar. 2009 AUHR. Gold.
1842 " 1908 D MS 63+

1984 Kennedy 50¢ mint error?

1880 Silver Dollar cleaned

1892 Morgan Dollar
1885 Morgan Dollar

Rome. Petillius Capitolinus Moneyer,
c. 41 BC AR Denarius

1748 - Visit of Clara The Rhinoceros to Stuttgart
40mm medal - copper



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999th MEETING NOTICE – Monday, June 19, 2023
Chatham Library and Zoom Electronic Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The 999th meeting will take place on Monday June 19, 2023, at the Chatham Library, located at 214 Main Street. The meeting will be held the lower level. If possible, we will also have a Zoom online meeting available for our remote members. The Zoom invite link is sent via email with the monthly meeting reminder notice.

This month, Jessica Liatys will give a presentation on “Internet Security.” Also, please bring any recent acquisitions to share for an extended show-and-tell. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance.

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I look forward to our meeting and seeing everyone.

Numismatically yours,
Pete

Vice
Populi

* Linkd
Stu Haneboth
James Green

RAs

Start: 6:59

Finish 8:21

add
to m A, copper
NJ notes

NJNS

Monday

Rose

Americana

April 17, 2023

Talbot Allum
Lee

machines
mills, mott
taken

Secretary's Report accepted

Bill L. and Michael

Brooks brought an

assortment of AG to of 40-50
min state colonies / picks

for me to see tonight

VA, Vermont, m A, NJ, NY,
CT and others

new total

2,365.55

Treasurer's Report accepted

Nova constellation
constellations
Eberks

Old Business / New Business

Discussed returning to Madison Library in 2024 or stay
at Chatham

- Also discussed getting spam e-mails from other
members of the NJNS

- Send out future NJNS meeting notices **BCC** *

- Locate a person with IT expertise to ~~advise~~ advise us

Dr.
Michael
Fey

1. Internet safety for each of us NJNS

2. more security at our meetings - locking the door

3. Zoom security

- Michael will send t-shirt logo to Pete (used previously)
So we can have shirts made for the 1,000 meeting

40-45 range

"The Influence of Ben Franklin on Early American Money"

~~Ben Franklin and Numismatics~~ Ray Williams previously

given at ANA in Philly six years ago - Has made corrections
and revisions - will be giving it at the Tuxton Coin Club
next week

Harry Rescigno's Showa 111-coin =

upcoming

"The money that Finished
the ~~Red~~ Revolutionary
War" Ray Williams



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998th MEETING NOTICE – Monday, May 15, 2023
Chatham Library and Zoom Electronic Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The 998th meeting will take place on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Chatham Library, located at 214 Main Street. The meeting will take place on the lower level. If possible, we will also have a Zoom online meeting available for our remote members. The Zoom invitation link is sent via email with the monthly meeting reminder notice.

This month, there will be no formal presentation so please bring any recent acquisitions to share for an extended show-and-tell. Remote participants can consider having digital photos ready, which can be shown during the meeting, or forward them to Ray Williams in advance.

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997th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, April 17, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 997th meeting at 6:59 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 996th were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzak reported that our current balance is \$2,365.55. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members discussed returning to the Madison Library in 2024 or remaining at the Chatham Library.

Members also talked about how to stop getting spam emails from other members of the NJNS. We will be sending out future NJNS meeting notices with BCC. We also plan to locate a person with IT expertise who can advise us on how to improve our electronic security. Dr. Michael Fey made three points to summarize this discussion:

1. Improve internet security for each member of NJNS
2. Heighten security at our meetings by locking the door
3. Improve Zoom meeting security

Michael Fey will send a t-shirt logo (used for a previous NJNS commemoration) to Pete so we can have shirts made in honor of our 1,000 meeting! These shirts will cost approximately \$40-45.

Ray Williams will be speaking on "The Influence of Ben Franklin on Early American Money," at the Trenton Coin Club next week.

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SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Ray Williams gave a talk tonight on "The Influence of Ben Franklin on Early American Money." The show-and-tell included a 1773 Virginia Copper Newman 20-N; 1804 Boston School Medal; Roman Empire Constantine Coin – Bronze Galley Rev.; Roman Coin - Constantine Commemorative Piece AE4 ANACS F15.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

April 17, 2023

SHOW & TELL

Steve Zimmerman
Medals

1773 Virginia Copper Newmen 20-N

1804 BOSTON SCHOOL MEDAL

ROMAN EMPIRE CONSTANTINE I BRONZE GALLEY REV.

Roman coin - Constantine Commemorative piece

AE4 ANACS FIS

Mike Brooks
MA Copper Half Cent
EF40NGC (1787)
Purchased at FUN
Show in Jan 2023 -

meeting started: 7:03

Ended: 8:16

for \$1700 dollars

See
S+T list

NJNS

March 20, 2023

Monday

Secretary's Report - received - no corrections

Bill Goetz paid Pete \$20 for dues at the Baltimore
Show - check Pete's e-mail 3,40 dollars and 55

Treasurer's Report - accepted \$3,040.55 cents

Old Business / New Business

Ray gave present to sons of ... last Sat - 30
in attendance - Received invitations for new talks
Thanked Harry R. - for may invitation to speak
at Wilmington Coin Club in May.

Society discussed nomination process for Nettleship
Award. All previous winners - majority vote to
receive the award

- Discussed arrest of two prominent coin dealers - in E-Sylum
recently

Title of Alan Guehl's talk - see Pete's Pres. letter



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996th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, March 20, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 996th meeting at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 995th were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzczak reported that our current balance is \$3,040.55. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members discussed the nomination process for the Charles F. Nettleship Award. All previous Nettleship winners vote on Society members nominated to receive the award. A majority vote means the numismatist will receive the Nettleship Award.

Ray Williams gave a presentation at the Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Wilmington, Delaware last Saturday evening. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Ray thanked Harry Rescigno for inviting him to speak at the Wilmington (DE) Coin Club in May.

Society members talked about the arrest of two prominent coin dealers several months ago. See *The E-Sylum*, vol. 26, no. 11 March 12, 2023 for more details.

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SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Alan Gugel gave a talk tonight on "The Roman Emperor Vespasian Denarii Date Collection." The show-and-tell included a 1948 ANA Convention & Auction Program; Washington Crossing Challenge Coins: 2017-2022; Canada Coins & Coin Finishes; 1917 Lincoln Cent; Notable People Through the Ages on Modern Coins Display (Meant for the GSNA in 2020); Flavian Collection of Denarius by Year; Vernon Medals.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

March 20, 2023

SHOW & TELL

1948 ANA CONVENTION PROGRAM & AUCTION

Washington Crossing Challenge coins

2017- 2022

CANADA COINS & COINFINISHES

Lincoln Cent - Bob W.

NOTABLE PEOPLE THRU THE AGES ON MODERN COINS:
DISPLAY (MEANT FOR THE GSNA IN 2020)

FLAVIAN COLLECTION OF DENARIUS BY YR.

Vernon Medals

meeting started; at 7:00^{PM}
Ended: 8:05

NJNS

February 20, 2023 Monday

2022 Registry Awards

"For outstanding achievement on building the top ranked
set in the NGC Registry"

Gold 100 Euros, 2008 - Date, Proof

Vatican City - Gold 100 Euros, 2008 - Date, Proof
Vatican (1929 - Date)

michael
mckeever

Sec. Report approved

\$ 2,940.55 - current balance - From Treasurer
Old Business / New Business

Discussed NJNS t-shirts for the 1,000 meeting - Will
take a poll and order for people that want them -
approx \$50 a piece (perhaps a polo shirt)

- Whitman show in mid March 14-16? - (check dates)

- Ray's dry run ~~7:44~~ 7:44
~~7:44~~ - tell Ray its been 1/2 hr



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MINUTES: The minutes of the 994th were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzczak reported that our current balance is \$2,940.55. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Society members discussed t-shirts to be made in honor of the NJNS 1,000th meeting. The polo style shirts will cost approximately \$50.00 apiece. A poll will be taken so that an exact number of shirts can be ordered.

Mike McKeever brought his NGC Award Certificate to show to our members. His certificate states "For Outstanding Achievement on Building the Top Ranked Set in the NGC Registry. Gold 100 Euros, 2008 – Date, Proof Vatican City – Gold 100 Euros, 2008 – Date, Proof Vatican (1929-Date)"
Congratulations, Mike!

Society members talked about the upcoming Baltimore Show, March 16-18. Several Society members plan to attend this event.

Tonight, Ray's presentation will be a dry run for the March meeting of the Delaware Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Ray Williams gave a talk tonight on "Continental Currency, The Continental Congress and The Revolutionary War." The show-and-tell included a Portrait Medallion of William Howard Taft by Theodore Spicer-Simson – 1911; Plata Corriente x3; Q. Pompeius Rufus Denarius c. 54 B.C.; 5 Swiss Batzen Spoons; Robert G Gold Series Vienna Mint; 1918-D Buffalo Nickel with Cracked Planchet; 1923-S Monroe Half Dollar, Ukraine 150th Anniversary Coin/Token of Their RR System; Robert Gilbert NJ Coin Club Token.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, at 7 p.m.

NJNS

February 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCOTT MILLER

BOB WOLCHERK

Jeff Burke

RAY WILLIAMS

Michael

Michael McKeever

ALAN GUGEL

ROBERT CORRINGTON

Michael B.

Peter Ha

David O.

Rich Peters

GUESTS

BOB KINPE

Deborah Gugel

NJNS

February 20, 2023

SHOW & TELL

PORTRAIT MEDALLION OF WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT BY
THEODORE SPICER-SIMSON 1911

PLATA CORRIENTE X3

Q. POMPEIUS RUFUS DENARIUS C. 54 A.C.

Swiss 5 Batzen Spoons.

ROBERT

6 GOLD SERIES VIENNA MINT

BOB W.

1918D CRACKED PLANCHET

1923-S MONROE 1/2 DOLLAR

UKRAINE 150TH ANN. OF THEIR RR. SYSTEM

Robert Gilbert

NJ coin club taken

London
Mexico
Zurich

I expressed interest in buying Mike McKeever's 1670 St. Patrick Farthing
Start: 7:00 ①
Finish: 8:39
12/28/22

NJNS

Scott Miller

January 16, 2023

"The Decline and Fall of Allegory
in Medieval Art"

Treasurer/Secretary's Report

minutes accepted

~~Treasurer's~~ Treasurer's Report 2,814.49 balance Paid the ANA dues

Old Business / New Business

Mike Fey - David Lange passed away last night - brain cancer
Society discussed 1/4 pg tribute add in The Numismatist
Ray has ANA connections - will check on price

ANA → Numismatist of the Year 2017 Worked for NGC at the
Parsippany location - Mike Fey was best man at his wedding
David got Michael Fey interested in Philippine coins!
- Bill L. offered to get a roll of tickets to start doing 50/50
again (Mike B. will give roll of tickets to Mike McKeever to
bring to our Feb meeting)

Bob Walchuk - shared a list of restaurants -
put in minutes

- Discussed thefts at FUN and NYINC

Don ^{was} Farthing David Gladfelder plate coin from
an article he wrote - (the higher grade one)

Library 214 Main St

Chatham Food

1) ARMINIOS

Pizza - ITALIAN
236 Main St

2) Mitsuba

JAPANESE
Sushi, Lunchtime Bento Box
Rolls
237 Main St

3) Scoops

Ice Cream

228 Main St
Next to Library

4) Charley's Aunt

Hamburgers
American Food
8-10 Passaic Ave

5) Taste of Asia

Malaysian

275 Main St

6) El Ranchero

Mexican

250 Main St

7) ~~Pizza~~ → 249 Main Street
~~Gianni's~~ Chianti Pizzeria



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994th MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, January 16, 2023

President Pete LaConte started the 994th meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 993rd were approved, with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Balwierzczak reported that our current balance is \$2,814.49. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Tonight, we met at the Chatham Library with 19 online and in-person members present. Our meeting started on a sad note. Dr. Michael Fey informed us that David Lange had passed the day of our meeting. Society members reflected on their fond memories of David. The NJNS agreed to pay for a ¼ page tribute ad in *The Numismatist* to honor David Lange. Michael Fey will take care of the arrangements.

Bob Wolcheck kindly provided a list of restaurants in Chatham for Society members: Arminios Pizza, 236 Main Street; Mitsuba Japanese, 237 Main Street; Scoops - Ice Cream, 228 Main Street – next to library; Charley's Aunt – American Food, 810 Passaic Avenue; Taste of Asia – Malaysian, 275 Main Street; El Ranchero – Mexican, 250 Main Street; Chianti Pizzeria, 249 Main Street. Bob, thanks so much for this list! We have a lot of restaurant options for dining before or after our meetings.

Society members discussed the recent thefts at the NYINC and FUN shows. Mike Fey noted it is important for all Society members to be vigilant and aware of our surroundings as NJNS members could be potential targets for thieves.

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SPEAKER/PROGRAM: Scott Miller gave a presentation tonight on "The Decline and Fall of Allegory in Medallion Art." The show-and-tell included six St. Patrick Coins – 2 ½ d and 4 ¼ d; MA 1787 ½ Ryder 4-C, MA 1775 24 Shilling Note; NJ NOV. 25 1776 f3 Bee Note, 1999 NJ Quarter Off Center; 1875 Dot Indian Cent, 1862 Merrimack Token; 1910 Canada 5 Cents; c. 1910 Bronze Plaque of a Young Child by Henri Huguenin; 2022 U.S. Uncirculated Coin Set – Philadelphia Mint; Some New Jersey Coin Club "Tokens."

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, at 7 p.m.

January 16, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Bob Wolcheck

SCOTT MILLER

Jeff Burke

RAY WILLIAMS

Michael Brooks

Art Al

Bill LIATYS

Robert Covington

Rich Peters

Michael Fey

Walter Chingy

Ian Langer

Mike Balwierzak

Peter Aa

Steve Zimerbaum

John Lostys

GUESTS

LDU SABONYA

Patrick McMahon

Bob Knapp

January 16, 2023
SHOW & TELL

SIX ST PATRICK COINS

(2) 1/2 d
(4) 1/4 d

Massachusetts 1787 1/2 Ryder 4-C

Massachusetts 1775 24 shilling note

NY Mar 25 1776 53 Bee note

1999 .25 New Jersey off center

1875 DOT INDIAN CENT

1862 MERRIMACK TOKEN

1910 CANADA 5¢

C. 1910 BRONZE PLAQUETTE OF A YOUNG CHILD
by HENRI HUBERLIN

- Miller

2022 U.S. Mint Uncirculated Coin Set - Philadelphia
Mint

Some New Jersey Coin Club "Tokens"

Thomas Machin & Co.

A war veteran struck genuine and counterfeit coinage at his mills.

Thomas Machin (1744-1816) was a key figure in the minting of America's Confederation-era coinage. The contemporary counterfeit *halfpence* credited to his operations have become very popular ever since they were introduced in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (the "Red Book"). But before getting into his coinage, a little information about the man himself is in order.

The most recent research reveals that Machin came to America as a member of the British military in 1773. In 1775 when his company was stationed in Boston, he deserted to the American Army while on guard duty. Because of Machin's knowledge and skills, he was commissioned as an officer in January 1776, serving as a civil engineer and artillery officer. In April 1777, he was instrumental in the placement of a chain across the Hudson River at West Point, which blocked the British from controlling the river. He took a musket ball to his chest during the Battle of Fort Montgomery, and when he recovered, he became part of a punitive expedition against the Iroquois. His military career ended at the Battle of Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781.

Machin's engineering and math skills served him well in both his military and civilian endeavors. After his discharge from the army, he constructed a sawmill and gristmill on a creek exiting Orange Lake near Newburgh, New York. It was here in a secluded area that he conducted his coinage operations. Machin entered into a contract with Vermont coiners to strike their coins at his facility. Many Connecticut copper specialists believe all the 1788 issues (along with several other

dates) were struck at Machin's Mills. Some Massachusetts coppers and the New Jersey "Camel Head" coppers are also attributed to Machin's facilities.

Moving on, the focus of this column is the counterfeit British halfpence struck at his mills. British halfpence and *farthings* were by far the most prominent copper coinage encountered in circulation in pre-Federal America. And most experts will agree that more than 30 percent of the circulating coppers were counterfeit. Len Augsburger, the project coordinator for the Newman Numismatic Portal (nnp.wustl.edu), reminded me to mention how easily the public accepted counterfeit halfpence in commerce. Although a few of the British-made counterfeits are scarce today, most

are very common. Because of their American manufacture, the Machin's Mills counterfeits are highly sought.

The 2024 Red Book lists the major varieties produced at Machin's Mills on p. 67. The previous page lists the common contemporary counterfeit British coppers, showing the vastly different pricing between the two. Because of the value difference, it's easy for some to misrepresent (knowingly or unknowingly) a generic counterfeit as a Machin's counterfeit. So, how can you tell the difference?

The year 1775 commonly appears on counterfeit British halfpennies. I've seen dozens of 1775-dated counterfeits on eBay that were erroneously (or deceptively) listed as Machin's Mills coinage. Compare the two 1775-dated counterfeits pictured here. You'll notice very

1775 HALF PENCE

BRITISH COUNTERFEIT

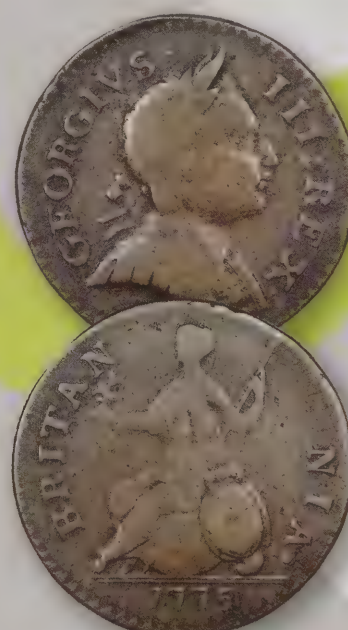
Not Actual Size



MACHIN'S COUNTERFEIT

Black 4-75A

Not Actual Size





MEMBERSHIP

Memorials

ANA 3181204	O. Adams , Rock Hill, SC (joined 2015)
LM 6262	Stephen T. Albanese , Ventura, CA (2008)
ANA 3218239	Bruce Baker , Pueblo, CO (2022)
ANA 3198600	Matthew Begich , Hastings, MN (2019)
ANA 1047982	Donald G. Bishop , Grosse Ile, MI (1963)
ANA 1027576	Arthur D. Cohen , Penfield, NY (1957)
ANA 1067747	Chesley Dellinger Jr. , Charlotte, NC (1971)
ANA 1060989	Robert A. Hielt , Monmouth, IL (1968)
ANA 1021756	Bill John Howard , Quanah, TX (1954)
ANA 1033391	Mildred Hughes , Forked River, NJ (1959)
ANA 3216063	James Hurst , Lexington, KY (2022)
ANA 1181160	Arthur Morowitz , New York, NY (1988)
ANA 3186395	Richard A. Mullen I. , North Reading, MA (2016)
ANA 1123421	John W. Mussell , Exeter, United Kingdom (1984)
ANA 1052358	Jack Nyburg , Kentwood, MI (1964)
LM 708	Donald G. Partrick , Islandia, NY (1967)
ANA 1022522	LaRue E. Pepperman , Williamsport, PA (1954)
ANA 1041634	Floyd G. Pierce , West Long Branch, NJ (1961)
ANA 1030513	Virgil Socotch , Strongsville, OH (1958)
ANA 1048391	Dr. Henry C. Stouffer Jr. , Elizabethtown, PA (1963)
ANA 1025352	Master Sgt. Lloyd R. Strohm , Altoona, PA (1956)
ANA 3168280	Stephen D. Sutherland , Lahaina, HI (2012)
ANA 1147455	Thomas E. Swapp , Anacortes, WA (1989)
LM 5814	Joseph E. Treadway , Demorest, GA (2001)
LM 1378	Connie Troutman , Brookville, OH (1973)
ANA 1106331	Gilmer L. Vandiver , Cleveland, GA (1980)
ANA 1024342	Jack Waterfield , Great Falls, MT (1955)
ANA 1214131	Michael Westerman , Lehigh Acres, FL (2004)
LM 2543	Guy Whidden , Frederick, MD (1980)
ANA 1066886	Paul Willey , Palm Beach Gardens, FL (1970)
ANA 3171358	Richard Wilton , Edgartown, MA (2013)
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Obituaries

Burton Harold Hobson

Burton Harold Hobson, 90, died on October 3, 2023. He was born on April 16, 1933, in Galesburg, Illinois, to Burt and Geneva Hobson.

After Hobson graduated from the University of Chicago in 1953, he worked at Marshall Field & Company and eventually managed the coin and stamp department. In 1961 he became the sales manager for President Coin Company, a subsidiary of Sterling Publishing Company in New York. He served as vice president of sales from 1966 until 1972, when he was promoted to executive vice president. He became president of Sterling in 1979 and served as chairman of the board in 1995.

Hobson was a prolific numismatic author. During his time at Marshall Field & Company, he wrote several books, including *Getting Started in Coin Collecting* (1961), *Catalogue of Scandinavian Coins: Gold, Silver, and Minor Coins since 1534* (1970), and *Coin Collecting as a Hobby* (1971). In 1972 Hobson received the Professional Numismatists Guild's Robert Friedberg Award for Numismatic Literature for his book *Historic*

Gold Coins of the World, published in 1971. Hobson was often listed as a coauthor with the late Fred Reinfeld for completing many of the latter's unpublished works and revising several of Reinfeld's manuscripts after his passing in 1964.

Hobson joined the ANA in 1955 and was honored as a 40-year member in 1995. He was also a member of the American Numismatic Society.

During his time at Sterling, Hobson developed an interest in the culinary arts from working with chefs and sommeliers on their books. He was the national president of the gastronomic society the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs; a trustee of the Culinary Institute of America; an honorary member of the American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame; and an honorary trustee of the American Academy of Chefs. Additionally, Hobson was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Johnson & Western University in 2002 and was a trustee of the Wildlife Trust.

Hobson is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Maxine. He is survived by his daughter, Alice Gansfield; his sons, Andrew and Mark; 10 grandchildren; and his great-granddaughter.



quickly that the legend BRITANNIA on the Machin's reverse has the "NIA" punched into the die too far clockwise. Only one Machin variety for 1775 exists, and it must have this BRITAN NIA spacing. In addition to the 1770s and 1780s George III coins, Machin did make one example of a 1747 George II halfpenny, which makes for a total of 10 collectable dates at the time of writing.

In honor of Bob Vlack's research, the Red Book classifies Machin's Mills British halfpenny die varieties using Vlack designations. He numbered the various obverses and used a combination

of dates and letters to classify the reverses. The attribution process consists of comparing the reverse date on your coin to all the known Machin reverses for that date. If it matches one in all respects, then compare the obverse to the obverses paired with that reverse, and voilà—you have it. If it doesn't match, then you still have an important piece of numismatic history that was a key part of our colonial economy, but it wasn't made in America.

Without going into detail beyond the scope of this column, I must say that not all of the coins traditionally attributed to

Machin's Mills were struck there. Current research has found that the earliest coins struck having Vlack attributions were minted at Atlee's Brewery in New York City. The second group was produced by Bailey & Brasher, also in New York City. And the third group was truly struck at Thomas Machin's mills. To know the differences, you need the Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C4) book described below.

Where can you find images of genuine Machin's Mills counterfeit British halfpence? You can visit the websites of several prominent auction firms and search their archives. *The Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins* (2020) includes images of all known varieties and serves as an excellent introduction. C4 published the standard reference, *The History and Coinage of Machin's Mills* (2020). Authored by Jack Howes, Jim Rosen, and Gary Trudgen, this book contains the sum knowledge of current research, both historical and numismatic. All varieties are pictured, along with Machin's Mills counterfeits of other Confederation-era coppers.

This is a fascinating collecting area in which the key figure coined both legitimate and counterfeit currency. The most interesting Machin's Mills coin in my collection is a Vlack VT-87C (Vermont Ryder 13) (Bressett 17-V). It has a Vermont obverse paired with a counterfeit British halfpenny reverse. So, in one coin I have a Vermont, a Machin's Mills halfpenny, and a mule! The Ryder 13 is one of the more common Vermont coppers, so it didn't break my budget. Its reverse is always very weak (having been struck by a severely worn die), and its grade should be determined by the obverse only.

So much more information about this topic is available! With so many ways to have fun collecting pre-Federal coins, I hope you'll give one of them a try. Contact me with any comments or questions. I always enjoy hearing from readers. ♦



↑ SOME LINKS

from Machin's great chain were made into a monument that stands at West Point.

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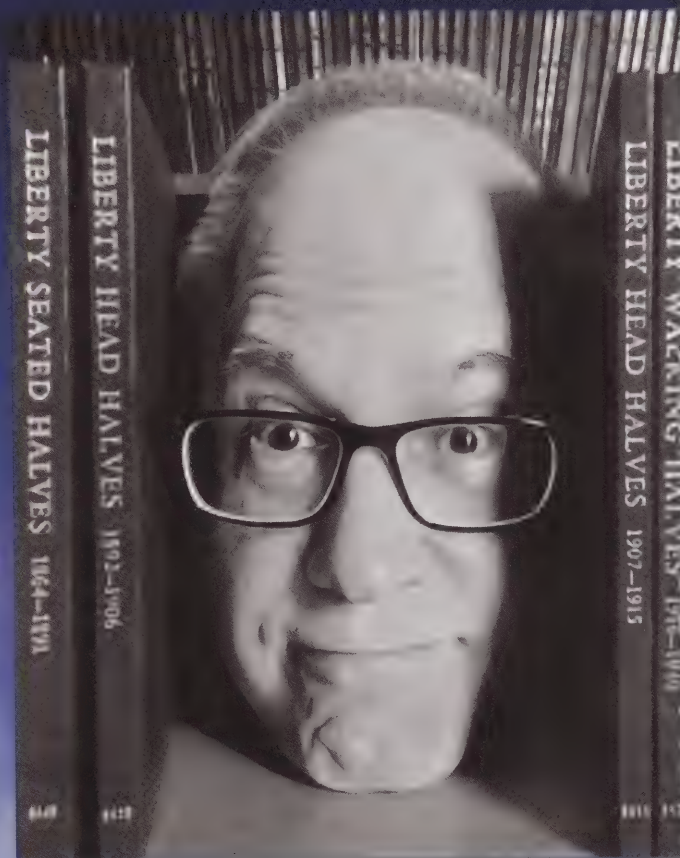
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David W. Lange



Numismatist David W. Lange (1958–2023) was elected into the Rittenhouse Society in 2005. We remember and celebrate his good humor, generosity, and unequalled talents as a researcher, writer, and chronicler of numismatic history.

In the introduction to *Coin Collecting Albums—A Complete History & Catalog*, Volume Three, he reminisced on his early days in the hobby. “I found just a few scattered cents before 1935, the best of which was a 1928-D grading Very Fine. When I was handed that cent as change for my purchase of a Matchbox car at the local Rexall Drug Store, I heard the angels singing.”

We can only wish that Dave had not joined that choir so soon.

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FOND MEMORIES

The author recalls a longtime ANA author and mentor.

David W. Lange, who wrote for *The Numismatist* for over three decades (and most recently penned “USA Coin Album,” the predecessor to this column), died in January following a battle with cancer. He was an enthusiastic numismatist and talented researcher whose encyclopedic knowledge spanned many specialties. He authored 10 books and countless articles about coins, oversaw Numismatic Guaranty Company’s (NGC) research division, and received two of the ANA’s greatest honors—the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 and Numismatist of the Year in 2017. In 2021 *Coin World* named him as one of the 60 most influential people in numismatics since 1960.

David was also one of the best examples of how those of us who love numismatics can make a positive contribution to the health of our hobby. If you ever saw him at a coin show, he was invariably sharing knowledge with someone. Whether he was answering a new collector’s questions at the NGC booth, discussing the history of his beloved coin boards with a friend, or talking about new discoveries with another researcher, he was fully engaged in the conversation.

His habitual generosity extended to how he chose to spend his time. Over the years, he accepted service positions in a variety of clubs and organizations, providing leadership to groups like the Numismatic Literary Guild, the California State Numismatic Association, the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

For many years, David was also an integral part of the ANA’s Summer Seminar, which is where I first met him in July 2001. David was there to teach “Collecting U.S. Type Coins,” and I was a first-time student in that year’s grading course. I had just bought (and devoured) the recently published 2nd edition of his *Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels*, and when I ran into him at the entrance to one of the dorm rooms, I made a point to thank him for his work on the book.

He was quite possibly the first prominent numismatist that I had met in person at that point, and, to be honest, I’m not sure what sort of reaction I expected from him. To this day, I still recall my pleasant

▼ **ALWAYS WILLING** to answer a question or strike up a conversation, David W. Lange left an indelible mark on many numismatists. He is pictured here in the mid-1990s around the time he began teaching at the ANA’s Summer Seminar.



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surprise when he stopped what he was doing to ask me what I collected and how I became interested in the hobby. We only spoke for a few minutes, but his small gesture made me feel like there was a place for me in the world of coins. I can only imagine how many other people David had this effect on over the years.

Since then, I always looked forward to seeing David and relished the opportunity to talk shop with him. He always had something interesting to say, and his wry sense of humor had a wonderful habit of creeping into the conversation at just the right moment. Much to my regret, I never thanked him directly for the time he took to chat with me outside Loomis Hall over 20 years ago. I always thought that it would sort of organically come up—that there would be time—until it was too late.

With David’s passing, we have lost a world-class researcher, a natural teacher, a top-notch writer, and, perhaps most importantly, a great example of how to be a good person. He left the hobby a better place than he found it.

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Lange began collecting in 1964 when his older brother gave him his incomplete Lincoln cent and Buffalo nickel sets. He acquired more Lincoln cents from pocket change and with the help of his neighbor, who had a job emptying parking meters.

In 1994 he became the director of numismatic research for Numismatic Guaranty Company (NGC) in Sarasota, Florida. He mainly worked in the area of coin authentication and variety attribution and was employed with NGC for 28 years. Lange was known for his thorough research and advanced knowledge in almost every numismatic field. His primary collecting interests included U.S. and British coinage; coin boards and albums; and other numismatic ephemera.

Lange joined the ANA in 1978, attended his first Summer Seminar in 1983, and served as an instructor at the annual event from 1995 onward. He wrote a monthly column on a range of topics for *The Numismatist* from February 1988 until August 2022. Lange received many numismatic accolades, including the ANA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 and Numismatist of the Year honor in 2017.

Lange was a member of many numismatic organizations, including the Rittenhouse Society and the Numismatic Literary Guild. He also served as president of the Pacific Numismatic Society, the California State Numismatic Association, and the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

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Obituaries

DAVID W. LANGE LM 4358

David W. Lange, 64, died on January 16, 2023. He was born on August 29, 1958, in San Francisco, California.



LANGE

Lange began collecting in 1964 when his older brother gave him his incomplete Lincoln cent and Buffalo nickel sets. Once his interest was piqued, Lange bought as many coins and numismatic references as he could, and his father drove him to coin shops so he could hunt down new specimens for his budding collection. His first numismatic purchase was a 1914 Lincoln cent in Good condition, which he bought at his local F.W. Woolworth's coin-and-stamp counter. He acquired more Lincoln cents from pocket change with the help of his neighbor, who had a job emptying parking meters. Lange's passion for collecting prevailed throughout his college years and into adulthood, with his primary interests being U.S. and British coinage, coin boards and albums, and other numismatic ephemera.

After graduating from San Mateo College, Lange worked as a senior design drafter for Pacific Gas and Electric Com-

pany for 14 years before he became the director of numismatic research for Numismatic Guaranty Company (NGC) in Sarasota, Florida, in 1994. He mainly worked in the area of coin authentication and variety attribution and was employed with NGC for 28 years. He was also a prolific author, having written many books and articles on topics ranging from proof coin sets and Buffalo nickels to the history of the U.S. Mint. Lange was known for his thorough research and advanced knowledge in almost every field of numismatics.

A member of the ANA since 1978, Lange was passionate about numismatic education. He attended his first ANA Summer Seminar in 1983 and then served as an instructor at the annual event from 1995 onward. Lange wrote a monthly column on a range of topics for *The Numismatist* from February 1988 until August 2022. He received many numismatic accolades, including the ANA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 and the Numismatist of the Year honor in 2017. Additionally, he received a Clemmy (the Numismatic Literary Guild's most prestigious award) in 2018 and was named one of the 60 most influential people in numismatics since 1960 by *Coin World* in 2021.

Lange was a member of many numismatic organizations, including the Rittenhouse Society and the Numismatic Literary Guild. He also served as president of the Pacific Numismatic Society, the California State Numismatic Association, and the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

Lange is survived by his fiancée, Carla Ayres; his brother, Douglas, and sister-in-law, Susan; and his cousin, Karen.

BRYCE F. DOXZON LM 1095406

Bryce F. Doxzon, 62, died on January 1, 2023. He was born on March 16, 1960, in Catonsville, Maryland.

With over 40 years of collecting experience, Doxzon was an incredibly active numismatist who greatly contributed to the advancement of the hobby. He specialized in collecting medals, particularly U.S. Presidential and inauguration medals. Doxzon exhibited often and was known for his informative, award-winning exhibits, as well as his passion for sharing his knowledge with others. He often helped advertise coin shows in the Baltimore area and could usually be found performing an essential function at each event he attended. He was especially involved in the Whitman Baltimore Spring



DOXZON

Expo, where he solicited exhibits, managed the exhibit area, served as the chief judge, and presented awards.

As a member of a number of numismatic organizations, Doxzon was constantly promoting the hobby. He held key positions in every organization he belonged to. Doxzon served on the ANA's Exhibits and Awards Committees (2013-15); as the Catonsville Coin Club

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(CCC)'s ANA club representative; as a longtime ANA exhibit judge; and as the exhibits chairman for two ANA World's Fair of Money® conventions (2003 and 2008). Doxzon received the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2016 for his service to the ANA.

He was also a member of the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA), Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS), Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition, Baltimore Coin Club (BCC), Token and Medal Society, and Medal Collectors of America. He served as secretary of the MSNA for 28 years; president and vice president of the MD TAMS, BCC, and CCC; and treasurer of the BCC and CCC.

Outside of his hobby involvement, Doxzon worked for the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense at Aberdeen Proving Grounds from June 1985 to December 2016. He was also a very involved parishioner of the Catonsville United Methodist Church and a 22-year founding member of the church's contemporary praise-and-worship band.

Doxzon is survived by his brothers, Kent and Glenn; his sister, Claire Simpson; his niece, Emily; and his nephew, Sam.

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2002 SILVER AMERICAN EAGLE

A counterfeiter hoped that this high-tech fake of a popular modern coin would fly under the radar.

The silver American Eagle is the flagship silver bullion coin of the United States. Its obverse features Adolph A. Weinman's renowned Walking Liberty design used on the half dollar from 1917 to 1947. From its inception in 1986 until a design change in mid-2021, the silver Eagle featured on its reverse a heraldic eagle motif created by esteemed sculptor and former U.S. Mint Chief Engraver John Mercanti.

Recently, Numismatic Guaranty Company (NGC) received a submission of a purported 2002 silver American Eagle. This particular coin's problems begin with its size. It is much thicker than expected because it was struck on a planchet made mostly of nickel and copper instead of silver, which has a much higher density. This was clever on the counterfeiter's part, as the silver Eagle is more likely to be weighed than subjected to metallurgical testing or have its thickness measured.

The coin also has very poor details that are especially evident upon close inspection. Look at Liberty's outstretched hand on the obverse and the letters in E PLURIBUS UNUM on the reverse.



The dies for this fake were probably created using a computer numerical control (CNC) machine, which is essentially a computer-controlled lathe. This process left behind some telling marks, such as lines throughout the design that are particularly visible within the shafts of the arrows on the reverse.

With 10.5 million struck, 2002 silver Eagles are easy to acquire, and genuine Mint State-69 examples sell for well under \$100, so why

◀ **TAKE A CLOSE LOOK** at the *E PLURIBUS UNUM* legend on the reverse and Liberty's arm on the obverse. It's clear that this coin lacks the quality of an original.

Actual Size: 40.6mm

would a counterfeiter target this coin? For one, there is still plenty of room for profit, as the fake is struck in metals that are much less expensive than silver. In addition, the forger might have seen this coin's commonality as an asset because some collectors might be tempted to skip third-party certification or only give it a cursory glance.

NGC has certified more silver American Eagles than any other coin—about 14 million, so its experts are well-versed in their authentication and grading. And, of course, NGC always backs its determinations of authenticity and grade with the NGC Guarantee.

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In memory of **David W. Lange** 1958–2023

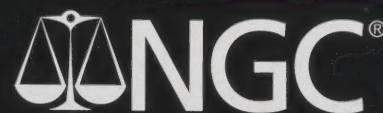
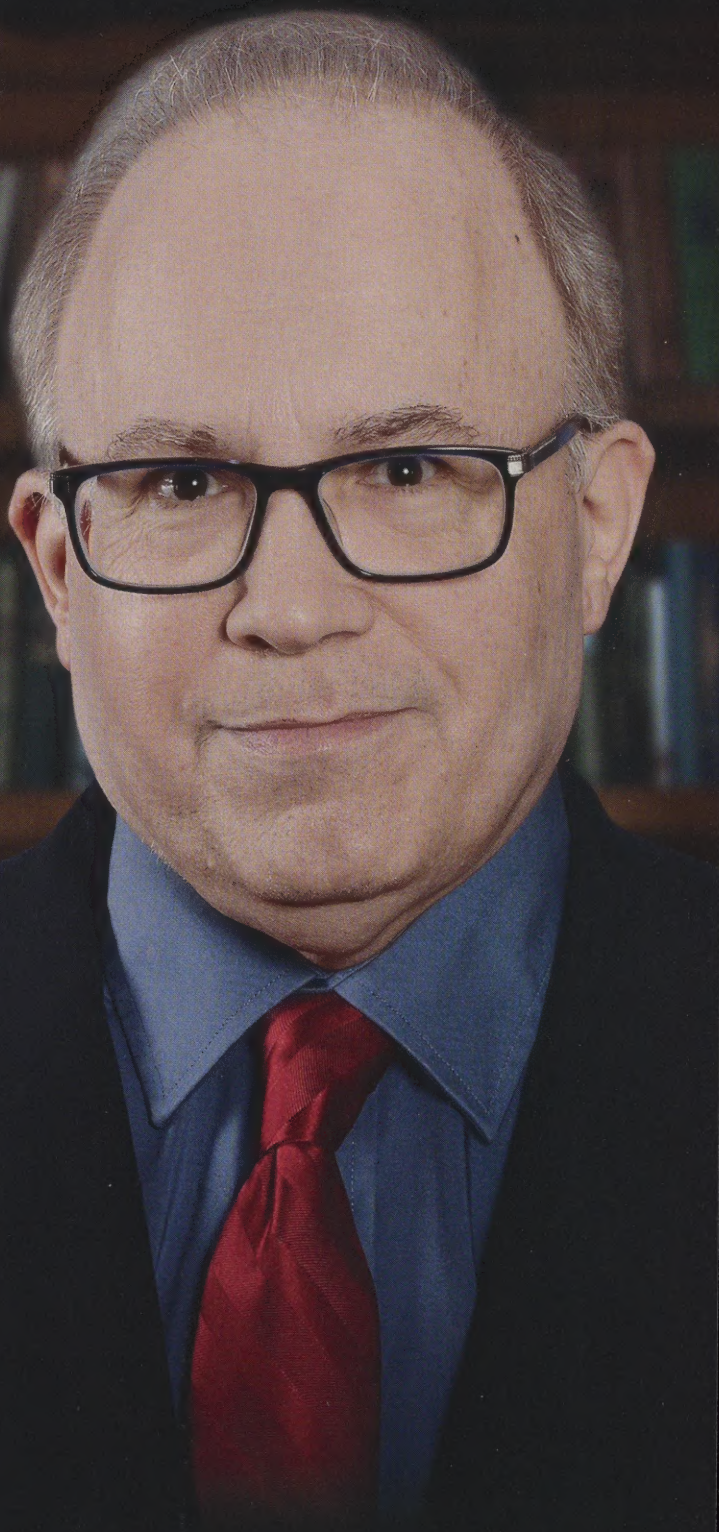
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mourn the loss of a great man.***

Lange served as NGC's Research Director since 1994, making him one of the company's longest-serving employees. A highly respected numismatic researcher and writer, Lange's contributions to NGC include the development of its VarietyPlus® variety attribution program and catalog, the NGC Photo Proof® service and a plethora of other educational content.

A coin enthusiast for more than 50 years, Lange authored 10 books and hundreds of articles on United States numismatics. Many of his books are still considered to be key references decades later, including *The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels* (1992), *The Complete Guide to Mercury Dimes* (1993), *The Complete Guide to Lincoln Cents* (1996), *History of the United States Mint and Its Coinage* (2005), *A Guide Book of Modern U. S. Proof Coin Sets* (2005) and the *NGC Grading Guide for Modern U. S. Coins* (co-author, 2004).

Lange's numerous accolades include the Numismatic Literary Guild's prestigious Clemy Award, the ANA's Lifetime Achievement Award and the ANA's Numismatist of the Year honor. Lange was an active participant in a number of hobby organizations, serving as president of some and regularly teaching at the ANA's annual Summer Seminar.

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HERALDIC SYMBOL

Lions graced Dutch coinage that circulated in the colonies.

I have been looking forward to discussing Dutch “Lion dollars” for quite a while. When I started writing the “Early American Money” column in 2016, I intended to discuss the pre-federal coins listed in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (the “Red Book”) one by one. The Lion dollar was not in the Red Book at that time, but Editor Emeritus Ken Bressett was instrumental in getting it included in future editions, along with other significant “foreign coins” that circulated in the colonies. (Thank you, Ken!)

were struck in 1577-1668. The obverse bears an image of a knight looking over his shoulder and supporting a shield. The legend is a Latin abbreviation that roughly translates to “Silver Money of the Province of the Netherlands Confederation” and is generally followed by the issuing authority. Variations exist. The reverse has a rampant lion surrounded by a Latin legend that translates to “Who Trusts in the Lord is not Moved.”

At the time of circulation, these coins were often referred to as “Dog dollars.” Contemporary

cords exist of counterfeiting, which would occur only if coins were being spent. In 1709 New York actually had paper money printed and denominated in “Lyon Dollars!” My favorite contemporary reference is by Ben Franklin. Upon leaving Boston for Philadelphia, he stayed for a spell in New York City. He stated in his autobiography that after crossing the Delaware River and entering Philadelphia, “I was very hungry; and my whole stock of cash consisted of a Dutch Dollar, and about a shilling in copper.” Although he could be referring to one of several possibilities, with the predominance of Lion dollars in New York, I’m convinced that’s what it was.

The silver content of a Lion dollar was less than a rix dollar and ducatoon, and also less than an 8 reales. When an 8-real coin was valued at 6 shillings in colonial commerce, the Lion dollar was valued at 4 shillings, 6 pence. The Dutch conducted commerce worldwide and were an international economic power at the time. Lion dollars were so readily accepted that other countries struck coins of similar design and silver content for their own use. (These were meant to imitate, not defraud.)

Not many references for these coins exist. The one book I have is *The Silver Benelux* by Andre Delmonte (Schulman, Amsterdam, 1967). John Kleeberg wrote an excellent article in *The Colonial Newsletter*, and Erik Goldstein and Joe Lasser wrote well-researched articles for *The Numismatist*. Although I’ve heard vague rumors of a book in the works, I’d encourage any numismatist with a desire to write a standard reference to consider the Lion dollar as a topic.



THE LIONS (shown on the knight’s shield and the reverse’s central device) on this Lion dollar of Zeeland are shown swimming in high water. Why do you think the lions are depicted this way? (Hint: Research the province of Zeeland to deduce the answer.)

Actual Size: 41mm

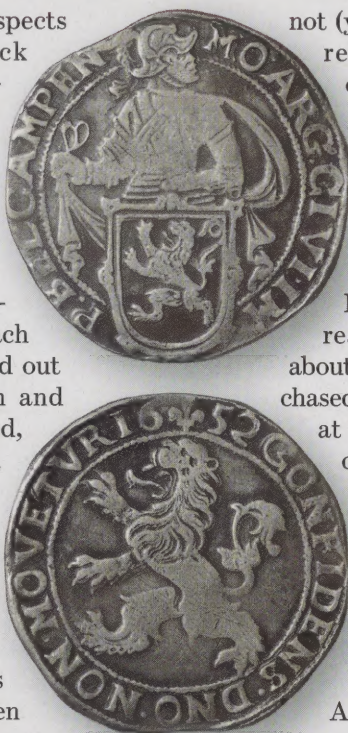
The Lion dollar is one of three crown-size coins issued by Dutch provinces and cities. The other two, containing different silver amounts, are rix dollars and ducatoons. The 12 issuing authorities were Deventer, Frisia, Gelderland, Holland, Kampen, Nijmegen, Overijssel, Utrecht, West Frisia, Zeeland, Zutphen, and Zwolle.

The *leeuwendaalders* (Dutch for “Lion dollars”) were struck from 1575 to 1713, and Lion half dollars

documents explain that the reason for this derogatory name was due to their lower weight and fineness compared to that of Spanish 8-real coins. Another theory suggests that the lion takes on the appearance of a dog after the coin becomes well worn.

How do we know that these Dutch coins were a part of colonial America’s economy? Contemporary legislation placed a value on them in *shillings* and *pence*. Re-

As a collector, many aspects of these hammer-struck coins caught my attention—their large size, the general crudeness of the dies, their age, their history, and (of course) their availability and price. With Delmonte in hand, I attempted to obtain 12 coins, one from each province/city. I soon found out that coins from Zutphen and Nijmegen were rarely offered, and when they did appear, they were well out of my price range. (Zutphen was in operation for three years and Nijmegen for just one.) So a 10-coin set was my new goal. While pursuing these, I ran across a Lion half dollar. It's been my experience that for every 30 dollars I see, I'll see one half dollar. The cost of these smaller coins does



▲ THIS LION DOLLAR shows the typical designs featured on most examples. Actual Size: 41mm

not (yet) seem to reflect their relative rarity. So I, of course, added several to my collection.

A book came to my attention, Russell Shorto's *Island at the Center of the World*. It is an excellent history of early New Amsterdam that reads like a novel. I read about Manhattan being "purchased" for trade items valued at 60 guilders. The "purchase" was in reality a cohabitation agreement as far as the Native Americans were concerned. I then learned from Erik Goldstein that the 60 guilders equated to 30 Lion dollars, and voilà! A new collecting goal was born. I reached it over the course of a couple years, and I could now "purchase" Manhattan

in colonial times.

Volume 2, No. 1 of the *Journal of Early American Numismatics* (published in 2019 by the American Numismatic Society) includes a more in-depth article about how to collect Lion dollars, which I highly recommend. Every collector of colonial type coins should pursue a Lion dollar, along with a Spanish Milled dollar and a Swedish riksdaler of Queen Christina (for New Sweden).

In today's Internet age, collectors starting in this coinage can easily find tons of historical information that will bring these coins to life. Holding this large silver dollar in hand, you might envision a cold, hungry 17-year-old Ben Franklin landing in Philadelphia in 1723. You might imagine Dutch West India Company ocean-going ships sailing for New Amsterdam. Maybe Henry Hudson, Peter Minuit, or Peter Stuyvesant might have spent the coin you now own. Pursuing history is pursuing fun!

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SLAYING THE BASILISK

Pictured at right is a Lion dollar of Zwolle. Normally, a rampant lion appears on the knight's shield, but on this coin, the shield depicts a scene of a knight fighting an animal. My first thought was that it must be St. George slaying a dragon, but that's a British tale, not Dutch.

I contacted the dealer in Germany who sold me the coin and learned that the shield portrays St. Michael slaying a basilisk (a [hopefully] fictional creature that can kill you with just a look). Several years ago, I had a conversation with a young person over lunch in which we discussed the basilisk. I asked her how she even knew about a basilisk, and she told me that there was a boy named Harry Potter who evidently slayed one. Having only name recognition of this Harry Potter, I started a discussion on the topic in an online colonial chat group, and I was informed that this event occurred in the second of eight Harry Potter books and movies (the latter released in 2002), titled *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Well, inquiring minds wanted to know!

I was determined to find out more and watch this movie. It was suggested that I watch the first film in the series in order to obtain a good background for the second. This I did. The movies were so enjoyable that my wife, Diane, and I binge-watched all eight. I have to say, in this day of political and ecological correctness, this film makes a hero out of an evil little wizard who kills this innocent creature (obviously on the endangered species list), and he did so after an insane, cruel bird plucked out the poor basilisk's eyes—it's no wonder this animal is extinct today! But at least we have the Lion dollar of Zwolle to keep this creature's memory alive for posterity.



Actual Size: 41.5mm